

**REMARKS**

Claims 68-72 and 74-83 are now present in this application, with claims 1-67 and 73 being cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and with claims 82 and 83 being added by the present Amendment. Claims 68, 74, 75, 76, and 80 are currently independent.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Initially, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 68 - 72 are allowed, and for the indication that claims 74-80 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By the present Amendment, claims 74, 75, 76 and 80 have been amended to place them in allowable independent form. Claim 81 has been amended to change its dependency from cancelled claim 73, to that of claim 74. Such an amendment has not been made for any reason relating to patentability. Accordingly, by the present Amendment, each of pending claims 68-72 and 74-83 are in condition for allowance, noting that new claims 82 and 83 are dependant claims which are essentially duplicates of claim 81, but dependent upon new independent claims 75 and 76. Accordingly, an early indication of the allowability of all claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

**Prior Art Rejection**

The Examiners has rejected claims 73 and 81 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hajimiri et al. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with this

rejection, Applicants have rendered this rejection moot by canceling claim 73, and by amending claim 81 to depend upon allowable independent claim 74. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of each of the pending claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

### CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection and allowance of each of claims 68-72 and 74-83 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

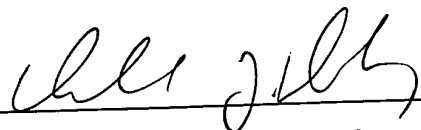
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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